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For: ROCK DRILL)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application. The Statement notes that Claims 1-10 are allowable and that "the sleeve-like pulling element of the claimed invention differs from the prior art in that, it is not only designed to absorb the impact force generated by the percussion piston, it least further generates push force on the pulling element for moving the pulling element away from the percussion piston, the push force is made stronger than the first moving the pulling element toward the percussion piston during rock drilling."

To clarify the record, the undersigned submits that the Statement is not intended to suggest that the allowed independent claim in this application includes the particular features, wording and/or language mentioned in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The undersigned does not necessarily agree with all of the observations and the specific comments in the Statement, at least to the extent they exclude other reasons for the allowability of the claims in this application. In sum, the undersigned submits that the claims in this application are allowable because the prior art does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention as recited in the independent claim.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or if the Examiner disagrees in any way with these Comments, the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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